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25 MR. RASH: My first comment is on nuclear

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1 power in general. If we didn't have nuclear power
2 plants, I wouldn't have to come here today. Storing
3 nuclear power has become one of our biggest
4 disabilities in this entire country; therefore, I
5 feel the disadvantages of nuclear power outweigh the
6 advantages of nuclear power. I would also like to
7 tell Congressman Senator George Voinovich, who is
8 from my home state of Ohio, that he is presently
9 urging more plants to be built in the future and I
10 think this is not the way to go.

11 I am sitting in Las Vegas, Nevada, and I
12 am a little surprised to see so little solar power
13 being used in relation to our natural resource
14 that's right here in Las Vegas. I've noticed a few
15 windmills coming through Utah and California and so
16 forth.

17 As far as shipping used stored materials
18 from these particular places, obviously since
19 September 11th, 2001 it's a whole new ball game. I
20 have attended a session in Cleveland long before,

21 two years ago, and the discussion was on these kegs
22 that are going to be transported, that nothing could
23 ever happen. Someone even mentioned what if a keg
24 falls into the drinking water going over a bridge of
25 a community. They said they had extractors that

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1 could even pull them out, but someone even said --
2 they said, "They're impenetrable, these kegs that
3 are going to be holding these nuclear power rods."
4 Someone mentioned what happens if two of them going
5 90 miles an hour happen to collide. Well they would
6 break.

7 So we have a problem here. Yucca
8 Mountain is supposed to hold something for 10,000
9 years. The question is: Why -- why is something
10 that strong that takes 10,000 years to, quote, "go
11 away"? It's very dangerous for us, our future, and
12 for our children, so I think we need to stop
13 building the nuclear power plants, phase them out
14 and take all of the present nuclear waste and just
15 encapsulate them somewhere and don't let them in the
16 water, and good luck to the United States
17 considering the circumstances of this present time.